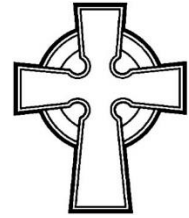


Wayne County Pastoral Planning

August 2018

Update



Where are we with pastoral planning?

The members of the Wayne County Planning Team continue to work on the formation of recommendations to address the areas requested by Bishop Matano. ***Please visit oprp.dor.org and click the “Active Pastoral Planning Groups” tab to follow all of the updates and information.***

Which configuration scenario was chosen for recommendation by the team?

At our July meeting, the team unanimously chose to recommend the configuration scenario of 2 Pastors and 2 Parochial Vicars, which clusters SKD and SMK; and also clusters CCBT, SJW, and SM. Deacon Bob Lee sent our recommendation on to Bishop Matano on July 19, and on July 23rd we received a favorable reply, with the next step being a presentation to the Presbyteral Council in September. Deacon Lee’s letter, detailing the benefits and challenges of this scenario, as well as the Bishop’s reply can be found on the Diocesan Pastoral Resources and Planning website.

What’s Next?

In his response to the planning team the Bishop has suggested the team may continue working on our recommendations for Mass schedules, human resources (paid and volunteer), and building infrastructure. Our work on recommendations will continue through the winter. Once we have made our recommendations, implementation, including Pastor and Parochial Vicar assignments will be determined by the Bishop and the Priest Personnel Board, in conversation with priests and in light of needs across the diocese.

The surveys completed in June as well as the data collected from each of the five parishes will be used to guide the planning team as we move forward with these most important recommendations. The surveys are now up on the diocesan website by region.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate this most important process!

Parish Abbreviations: St. Maximilian Kolbe (SMK); Community of the Blessed Trinity (CCBT); St. Katharine Drexel (SKD); St. Michael (SM); St. Joseph the Worker (SJW)